

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
August 7, 2013

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order.

BEE HIVES

George Rubble came before the Commissioners to see if there was anything else the Board needed or that he could do to get the issue with the bee hives resolved. Commissioner Francis stated that the County Attorney is looking at both state and local ordinances and will be getting back with the Board when he has completed his research. Mr. Rubble wanted to clarify that he would not have 20-plus hives as reported by the Peru Tribune. Mr. Rubble noted that he is not that irresponsible.

SECURITY LOG

Tim Hunter, Courthouse Security, brought in the weekly security log for the Board to review.

IDEM LETTER

The Board received a letter regarding our classification for stormwater.

CLIMATE MAKERS

The Board received a bill for recharging an air conditioning unit at the Museum. It was brought to their attention on the bill that the new unit that was quoted and installed by another company was not the same type of unit and that the quote was not comparing “apples to apples”. The Board is going to follow-up with the vendor who was awarded the bid.

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

YMCA

Kathy Brehmer, YMCA, brought to the Board a preliminary 2014 budget for the YMCA Transportation. Mrs. Brehmer explained some of the projected increases in the 2014 budget.

Mrs. Brehmer also gave the Board a copy of the Transportation grant that is due by August 30, 2013. The Board will forward it on to Pat Roberts for his review before signing. Mrs. Brehmer noted that she would like to have the signed grant back by August 23, 2013 for her board meeting.

Mrs. Brehmer also requested authorization to run the public notice for the YMCA competitive grant. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the YMCA to run the advertisement. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Board received a letter from the State Board of Health regarding the air quality test that was performed. The letter stated that the air quality was acceptable at this time and any individuals experiencing any health issues should seek medical advice from a physician.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

The Board received a message regarding the Blue Star Memorial needing mowed. The Board is not sure who is responsible for maintaining the property, but it is not that of the county. Commissioner West will make some calls to see if he can determine who is responsible for maintaining the property.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel, Miami County Clerk, came before the Board to discuss applying for a HAVA grant. The grant money would be used to put in an automatic door and opener at the Macy Christian Fellowship Church. If the grant is awarded she would update the Macy Church first and any remaining funds from the grant be used at a polling site in Converse. Commissioner West made a motion to provide support on applying for the HAVA grant. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Ms. Leffel also requested that a counter be put in her office. The public is walking in to the office and up to the employee's desks, creating privacy/confidentiality issues. Ms. Leffel is requesting a counter similar to the area in the Assessor's Office. Ms. Leffel stated that she was waiting on a quote from GJ's and would bring it to the Board for final approval.

AUDITORS OFFICE

The Board discussed the quote that was received for a panel system that would offer more privacy in the office. 1 quote has been received, with 2 more still out. Commissioner West made a motion to approve up to \$8500.00 for the panel system, but wants to have the office make contact to obtain at least 1 more quote. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLANNING & ZONING

Tammy Gamble, Zoning Administrator, brought a weed lien for the old Apollo Lounge to the Board for signatures. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the weed lien. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Janice Clemons, Highway Bookkeeper brought in the last of the resumes for the Highway Superintendent position.

Ms. Clemons also updated the Board on the status of the server. IT is currently working on rebuilding a new server for the department.

HANDBOOK

The Board discussed the handbook. There are a few issues needing to be resolved before distributing the new version to the employees. The Board hopes to have it finalized in the next couple of weeks so that it can be distributed and a meeting held with the Dept. Heads to review the major changes within the new policy.

MCEDA

The Board received financial information to review and was given an update on the Hangar 200 project.

DENHAM BUILDERS

The Board received an invoice from Denham for the renovations to the 1st floor handicapped restroom. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the bill for \$5409.48. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0. Commissioner Hamman was out of the room.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller requested permission from the Board to give 2 of his employees additional compensation for taking on extra duties after an employee resigned. Sheriff Miller is not going to refill the position and has reorganized the duties to some of the other staff. The Board advised him to put the information in writing to the Auditor's Office to make sure the accounting is correct and the change to the salary ordinance for 2013 could be corrected and presented to the Council.

Sheriff Miller also requested that the Board consider look at hiring a Part-Time maintenance person to help at the jail and courthouse. The maintenance man at the jail has more than he really can handle and it would be beneficial to have someone that could help as needed. The Board will take the request under advisement.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer brought in a request from Grissom Air Bast to clean a ditch on 850 S that is a county owned right-of-way. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow the cleanup. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner West 2nd the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Brown